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Sir:

EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the shortened statutory period for response now set to expire September 17, 2009 in this application be extended for a period of three month(s), the extended period then expiring on December 17, 2009. This is a first request for an extension of time.

Please charge \$1100 (three months) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1512. If this estimate is incorrect, please charge or credit our account accordingly.

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